

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4, 2010

10:00 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In this place where Your Name, O God, is above every name, where Your truth is sought and Your faith cherished, grant Your blessing upon all who worship You in sincerity and truth. Here may the weary find rest; the lonely, friendship; the saddened, comfort; the fearful, courage; the discouraged, hope; the weak, strength; the strong, discipline; and all of us the reassurance of Your forgiving and empowering mercy, and the desire and opportunity to invest our lives for the good of all people and the glory of God.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather At the River" arr. Ferguson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord, you faithful servants.

People: Give thanks to God's holy name.

Leader: For God's wrath lasts but the twinkling of an eye,

People: But God's favor endures for a lifetime.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, You continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, despair to hope, death to life. We look to you to change our hearts, to take away the sin that burdens us, and to restore us to the people you would have us be. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO "Balm in Gilead" arr. Hayes

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church after the solo.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 58:6-11 (Page 688) *Amy Andrews*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 7:37-39 (Page 100)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Barbara Stoop

"Flowing Rivers"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Duet "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Fettke

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN No. 343 BEECHER

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "God of Our Fathers" arr. Williams

* All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Tim Raney

SPONSOR: David Massey

GREETERS: Amy Grace, Jennifer Keir

Chris Beard

LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

STREAMING

The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link under Worship called "Watch the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday Live."

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, July 4** are:

10:00 a.m. *Sam & LeAnne White*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Kelly Kemp, Tina Phillips,

Mark Kemp and Robert Dellert

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

WESTMINSTER BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive at Westminster Presbyterian Church will be **Monday, July 19, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room 209.** Reservations are on each quarter hour and can be made by contacting *Stephen Demosthenes* at jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com or at 918-2563. Give the gift of life.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, July 4.** The screenings will take place in the **Sanctuary Atrium** following the **10:00 a.m.** service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Joda Higgins* at 979-1486.

MARRIAGES

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, *Greta Reed* and *Harvey Cleveland* were united in marriage at Westminster.

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, *Kelly Roig* and *Alex McLean* were united in marriage at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, *Lauren Morgan* and *Christopher Winchester* were united in marriage at Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Becky Toohey* on the death of her father, George C. Player, on June 28, 2010, in Charlotte.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to www.wpc-online.org and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

• **Parenting Group:** will meet **Wednesday, July 7, at 6:15 p.m. in Room 213.** *Ben Rigby*, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

• **Knitting Group:** will meet **Wednesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.** *Midge Williams*, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.

• **Hiking Group:** will meet **Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 213.** *Ron Lawson*, ronlawson2010@gmail.com or 963-1570. Our next hike will be on July 24. More information will become available soon.

**SENIOR HIGHS
THIS SUMMER**

If you have completed the 8th grade this year, you are now officially in the Senior High group. On **Tuesday, July 6**, we will meet for lunch and Bible study from **11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the Senior High room**. Bring money for lunch and we will see you then. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**JUNIOR HIGH
MISSION WEEK**

If you have completed the 5th thru 7th grade this year, you are an official member of the Sixers/Junior High group. **Join us for our mission week on July 12 - 16**. We will begin each day at **9:30 a.m.** working with Pleasant Valley, Samaritan House, Diligent Hands/Gracious Hearts, and our own preschoolers during Preschool Days. Afterwards we will return to the church for lunch and time in the gym and Senior High room **ending at 2:00 p.m.** Bring \$5 each day for lunch. We will end the week by going to see the movie, "*Despicable Me*." If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site again this year for "The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. **Deadline for drop off is August 6**. For more information, visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS

For five *Wednesday* mornings, **beginning July 7**, we will have Preschool Fun Days, **from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** *All children who will be going into K3 - 1st grade are invited to come.* Younger children may also come, but an adult is asked to stay along with their little ones. Enter the church on the back side, at the circle drive on Westminster Drive. There is no cost and you do not need to sign up, but parent helpers are needed each week. If you can volunteer one week, contact *Barbara Stoop* at bstoop@wpc-online.org

**Wednesday, July 7 –
Dinosaur Day!**

**Wednesday, July 14 –
Sports Day**

Wear your running shoes!

**Wednesday, July 21 –
God's Creation Day**

**Wednesday, July 28 –
Art & Music Day**

**Wednesday, August 4 –
Water Day!**

Wear your bathing suit!

**SUMMER
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. (with no Sunday School) began **Sunday, May 23**, and will continue through **Sunday, September 5**.

SUMMER 2010 AT WESTMINSTER			
July 6	Senior High Group	July 28	Preschool Fun Day - Arts & Music Day
July 7	Preschool Fun Day - Dinosaur Day	August 3	Senior High Group
July 12 - 16	Middle School Mission Week	August 4	Preschool Fun Day - Water Day
July 13	Senior High Group	August 5	Junior High Mystery Trip
July 14	Preschool Fun Day - Sports Day	August 11	New Member Info. Class
July 20	Senior High Group	August 15	New Member Sunday
July 20 - 24	National Youth Triennium	August 16	Greenville Schools begin
July 21	Preschool Fun Day - God's Creation Day	August 22	Sunday night youth groups begin for grades 6 - 12
July 25 - 31	Sr. High Montreat Youth Conf.	September 1	"It's Elementary!" & Tweens begin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4 - 10, 2010

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
Health Ministry
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

5:30 p.m. Uplift
6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:30 a.m. Senior High Group Meeting
12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Preschool Fun Day
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



DREAMING DREAMS AND SEEING VISIONS

Fourth of July is a celebration of the dreams and visions of the founders of our country, young and old. As we come to this time each year, we wonder what the future will bring. In Joel 2:28 the prophet says: "*Afterward I will pour out my spirit on everyone: your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your old men will have dreams and your young men will see visions.*"

We, who are older, do have dreams for the way the world needs to move and many times we worry about the future and entrusting it to the next generations. We fail to appreciate how much new generations are seeing visions and working for a better world. Do we take the opportunity to praise, compliment or offer words of thanks for jobs well done by younger generations?

Certainly we are aware that a significant portion of our nation's forces are composed of young men and women who are making awesome sacrifices for what they believe is the good of our country and the world.

Vernon and I have been amazed by what we have seen and heard recently of the wonderful examples of positive contributions being made by young people. As I recount a few, I am sure you can think of other examples.

Start right here at Westminster: the wonderful youth participation on Music Sunday, the Youth Sunday worship service, the mission trip to the Dominican Republic and other service projects. How blessed we are.

Our community is fortunate to have a number of excellent schools at high school and college levels. We read about the accomplishments of many students academically, in the arts and in community service. This represents what is happening all over the country. Our granddaughter competed in the Virginia State High School Science Fair and the winner was a young man who has been working on a project for four years to find a cure for cancer. Two weeks ago, it was exciting to see the enthusiasm of the faculty at our grandson's high school graduation as they applauded the achievements of the graduates and recognized their potential. USA Today did an article on the contributions of college graduates for improving life around the world, above and beyond their academic studies. What visions they have!

Let us celebrate the continued outpouring of God's Spirit on all of us, young and old, that we continue to dream dreams and see visions, and work to put them in action for the good of the world in which God has placed each one of us.

Edna Ruth Miller

NEW GROUPS TO BEGIN

Are you looking for a way to get to know more people at Westminster? Do you want to form stronger relationships around shared interests? If so, you may be interested in our new Christ Care groups that will begin in the fall. We have brainstormed ideas for new groups, and you may have an idea of your own. Right now, we are looking for people to be facilitators of these new groups. We have a display in the Sanctuary Atrium of ideas we have for groups. These small groups can center around any interest, and members support each other through their activities, through prayer, and through Bible study. How about a group for Single Parents, or a group for Parents of Teens? Maybe you'd like a Church Gardening Group, or a group which focuses on local Missions? We have ideas for dozens of groups, and all they need to begin is a person willing to be the facilitator. Check out our display, or contact Susan McLarty, our Mission Outreach Coordinator at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 for more information.